

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A cushion for a patient interface adapted to supply gas to a patient
5 comprising:

an inner cushion body having least one outer surface;

an outer cover or film that is applied on to and formed of the same elemental material and
is adhered to all outer surfaces of said inner cushion body, said outer cover or film reinforcing
said inner cushion body to reduce the possibility of tearing of said inner cushion body; and

10 an outer sealing sheath in use adapted to engage around or adjacent the inner cushion
body, ~~where~~ wherein said outer sealing sheath deforms substantially independently of said inner
cushion body.

2. (Currently Amended) A cushion as claimed in claim 1 wherein said outer cover or film
15 ~~elemental material~~ is formed of polyurethane.

3. (Currently Amended) A cushion as claimed in claim 1 wherein said inner cushion body is
formed ~~in~~ of polyurethane foam.

20 4. (Currently Amended) A cushion as claimed in claim 1 wherein said outer cover or film is
formed ~~in~~ of polyurethane film.

5. (Previously Presented) A cushion as claimed in claim 1 wherein said outer cover or film is adhered to said inner cushion body.

6. (Previously Presented) A cushion as claimed in claim 1 wherein said inner cushion body
5 is assembled from more than one moulded component.

7. (Previously Presented) A cushion as claimed in claim 1 wherein said inner cushion body includes an attachment adapted to engage a mask.

10 8-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A mask adapted to deliver gas to a patient comprising:
a cushion body having at least one outer face and wherein at least a portion thereof of said
cushion body has a plurality of adjacent voids; and
15 an outer film applied to or adhered to all outer faces of said cushion body such that said
outer film reinforces said cushion body.

12. (Original) A mask as claimed in claim 11 wherein each of said voids has a hexagonal cross section.

20 13. (Original) A mask as claimed in claim 11 wherein each of said voids has an oval, square, rectangular, or other shaped cross section.

14. (Currently Amended) A mask as claimed in claim 11 wherein said cushion body ~~has an outer cover and said mask~~ further includes an outer sealing sheath.

5 15-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Withdrawn) (Currently Amended) A method of forming a cushion including the steps of:

lining a cushion molded with a thin film,

10 injecting a foam material into said cushion mold such that said thin film covers and adheres to said foam material, thus forming a foam cushion with a thin film cover.

18. (Withdrawn) A method of forming a cushion as claimed in claim 17 further including the steps of:

15 forming a first half of said cushion with a thin film, then

forming a second half of said cushion with a thin film, and

joining said first half and second half of said cushion.

19. (New) A mask as claimed in claim 11 wherein a honeycomb structure is present in a part
20 of the cushion that contacts a nasal bridge of a patient when in use to reduce the pressure on the patient's nasal bridge.

20. (New) A mask as claimed in claim 11 wherein said outer film is formed from the same elemental material as said cushion body.

21. (New) A mask as claimed in claim 11 wherein said outer film is formed from silicone.

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22. (New) A mask as claimed in claim 11 wherein said voids form a honeycomb structure within said cushion body.